

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
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TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, May 17, 2006

PLACE: West Lafayette Board of Works Room

PRESENT:	David Buck	Gil Satterly
	David Downey	Kumares Sinha
	Carrie Ehresman	Boudewijn van Gelder
	Bernadette Farris	John Walker

VISITORS:	Martha Chiscon	Wendy Field
	Beth Cook	Jeromy Grenard

Chairman Sinha determined there was quorum and called the meeting to order. Mr. van Gelder made a motion to approve the March and April minutes. Mr. Buck seconded and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

06-12 Russell Street Parking

Ms. Chiscon, representing Sigma Kappa sorority, presented a memo to the Commission requesting help in finding a solution to a parking problem at her sorority. Ms. Chiscon stated that the sorority has 29 parking spaces for 60 occupants of the Sigma Kappa house. She presented several possible solutions to this parking problem; permitted parking, angled parking on Russell Street, and overnight permitted parking.

Ms. Chiscon stated that students living within 1.5 miles of campus are not permitted to purchase Purdue parking permits. Overnight parking is also not allowed in any of Purdue's perimeter lots. These two factors make it difficult for residents of Sigma Kappa (and other students living in the core of campus) to find long-term parking. Requests made to the Purdue Parking Committee regarding these two policies have been denied.

Ms. Ehresman stated that the parking concerns at Sigma Kappa should be directed to Purdue. It was further suggested that Ms. Chiscon work with other fraternities and sororities and approach Purdue as a unified group. The Engineering department will investigate parking options along Russell, but there are concerns with the speed and volume of vehicles traveling on this one-way street, which may limit parking options.

OLD BUSINESS:

05-09 Village Parking Study

Ms. Cook, with the Engineer's Office, presented the findings of the Village Parking Study to the Commission. This study, prepared by Woolpert, outlines the findings of the data gathered and makes general recommendations for residential and commercial parking in the Village area.

Data was gathered through field observations and surveys. Some general findings include:

- The Village is a vibrant area
- It is difficult for existing businesses to develop/redevelop, most develop as planned developments
- Current commercial parking requirements may not be a reasonable or accurate measure of the parking needs in the Village
- Many businesses have little or no parking, they rely on customers to travel by foot, bike or transit
- Many businesses have no parking for employees
- Parking garages are under utilized

The Village Parking Study will be posted on the City website for 60 days for public comment. Specific parking recommendations will be made by city staff and presented to the public for comment.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a cursive "Buck".

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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